

Saturday 21st March

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1.00	BETWRIGHT BEESWING MARES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 3m100y (4920 Metres)
RACE 1	(3) WORLD OF FORTUNES (1) HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA (9) TANKARDSTOWN DIVA
1.30	BETWRIGHT HANDICAP HURDLE (SERIES FINAL) (2) 2½m189y (4200 Metres)
RACE 2	(12) BROOKSIDE LA (4) CAPTAIN BUTLER (14) MOUNTAIN MOLLY
2.10	BETWRIGHT HERRING QUEEN SERIES FINAL MARES' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m51y (3270 Metres)
RACE 3	(5) DIAMONDS GALORE (1) KHRISMA (10) OUR PEGGY
2.40	BETWRIGHT NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (SERIES FINAL) (2) 2m5f133y (4350 Metres)
RACE 4	(1) DIAMOND DEALER (7) BRIDGE COURT (5) MOON PHASES
3.13	REMEMBERING DUNCAN DAVIDSON HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3¼m39y (5270 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) FORTUNATE MAN (4) ABOUTDAMNTIME (6) BLAKEY BOY
3.48	KOSB NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2½m189y (4200 Metres)
RACE 6	(3) LE FRIMEUR (2) GAELIC ROVER (1) EAGLES REPRIEVE
4.23	RACING POST+ JODAMI OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (2) 2m51y (3270 Metres)
RACE 7	(6) DIAMOND WHITE (5) PRESENTANDCORRECT (2) BARITO

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

1.00

BETWRIGHT BEESWING MARES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 5yo+ mares £40,000 3m100y (4920 Metres)

RACE 1



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA (IRE) (42) 99
121P-3151 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan**
Sent chasing this term and scored at Exeter in December but she didn't look a natural and got back on the up returned to hurdling when winning 4-runner listed event at Warwick last month. Not taken lightly despite conceding weight all round.

2 LISTENTOYOURHEART (IRE) (35) 95
1440-4317 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton **Tristan Durrell**
Useful mare who bagged a first handicap success over 2½m at Windsor on New Year's Day. Did too much in front when only seventh of 15 in handicap at Ascot since. The sort to bounce back on her first go over 3m.

3 WORLD OF FORTUNES (IRE) (31) (D) 100
618-P1242 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



James Kenny **Jordan Colin Gainford**
Very useful Irish hurdler who landed 2m6f handicap at Ballinrobe in September. Went without her usual headgear when a good second of 6 in Grade 3 at Punchestown (2½m) last month. A player now back up in trip.

4 PITWOOD ROAD (53) 87
7042FP-12 8 11-0 | 69.9kg



Nicky Richards **Danny McMenamin**
Made a winning start for her new yard in 2m3f handicap at Carlisle in December and backed it up with a very good second of 7 in 2½m handicap at Newcastle following month. This demands a big step forward though.

5 ROCKOLA VOGUE (IRE) (56) 96
2214-1136 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson **David Bass**
Landed handicap hurdles at Bangor and Ascot (3m) last autumn. Tried in cheekpieces when a well-held sixth in Yorkshire Rose Mares Hurdle at Doncaster (3m) in January so needs to bounce back after a break.

6 STARLYTE (IRE) (28) (C) 79
30654677 9 11-0 | 69.9kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Patrick Wadge**
Course winner who caught the eye after 3 months off when seventh of 15 in 2½m handicap hurdle at Newcastle 28 days ago, doing her best work at the finish. This step back up in trip is a plus but she has lots to find on form.

7 STAR WALKING (IRE) (84) (D) 90
1/21846-21 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Harry Fry **Bryan Carver**
Ended promising novice season on a low note but better than ever this term following a breathing operation, landing 3m handicap at Kempton in late December. Has gone well fresh in the past but this requires a clear personal best.

8 SUNSET MARQUESA (IRE) (9) 96
61F-3143F 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joe Tizzard **Brendan Powell**
Notched a third success over hurdles in a 2m4f mares handicap at Sandown in December. Took a step forward when third in Grade 2 at Ascot (2m) following month before falling 6th in Mares Hurdle at Cheltenham 9 days ago. Not out of things.

9 TANKARDSTOWN DIVA (IRE) (23) 92
72112F11 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Tom Ellis **Jack Andrews**
Bagged a fourth handicap victor this season with a career best in 6-runner event at Ludlow (3m) 23 days ago. This is tougher but she scored readily there so no forlorn hope.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Hollygrove Cha Cha, 7-2 World of Fortunes, 6-1 Listentoyourheart, 11-1 Sunset Marquesa, 14-1 Rockola Vogue, 14-1 Tankardstown Diva, 14-1 Star Walking, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Irish challenger WORLD OF FORTUNES looks the way to go here given she holds the edge on form and should benefit from stepping back up in trip on the back of a good second in a Punchestown Grade 3 last time out. Recent Warwick listed scorer Hollygrove Cha Cha rates the chief threat with both Tankardstown Diva and Sunset Marquesa also in the mix in this competitive mares event.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WORLD OF FORTUNES 2. HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA 3. TANKARDSTOWN DIVA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Lavida Adiva** 6-11-0 5-1 Ruth Jefferson Brian Hughes 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**BETWRIGHT HANDICAP HURDLE (SERIES FINAL) (2) 4yo+
£40,000 2½m189y (4200 Metres)**

RACE 2



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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	JUDICIAL DEFERENCE (IRE) (36) (C, D)	t	96
	2111 7 12-0 76.2kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Point winner who landed a Musselburgh maiden before bagging back-to-back handicaps at Haydock and over further here in 2026. Up another 5 lb but he has further improvement to come so is very much one to consider.		<i>Craig Nichol</i>
2	THANK YOU BLUE (15) (D)		96
	5449111P 9 11-9 73.9kg Jennie Candlish NON RUNNER.		<i>Non Runner</i>
3	BARATABLET (IRE) (28)		97
	22131-145 6 11-9 73.9kg Nicky Richards Scored in good style at Newcastle in December and not disgraced dropped back to 2m when fifth of 9 in another handicap there 4 weeks ago. In the mix back up in trip.		<i>Danny McMenamin</i>
4	CAPTAIN BUTLER (IRE) (63) (C)	★	100
	1/15-2645 8 11-8 73.5kg Ruth Jefferson Point winner who landed a maiden hurdle here for Pauline Robson. Made a good start for this yard when runner-up at Ayr and got back on track after a stint chasing when fifth in 2m Haydock handicap in January. Player off a handy-looking mark with this step up in trip also a plus.		<i>Callum Bewley</i>
5	KINGSTON NARCISSUS (FR) (40)	v+t	95
	221F-3317 7 11-7 73.0kg Rebecca Menzies Returned to winning ways (tongue tied) at Sedgefield on Boxing Day but he turned in a rare poor effort at Catterick last month. Visor now added.		<i>Ross Chapman</i>
6	BATHGATE (25)		96
	52214116 6 11-5 72.1kg Philip Kirby Gained a third win of the season at Catterick (19f) in February but he reportedly bled when a well-held sixth back there 25 days ago.		<i>I. J. Power</i>
7	SPEIRIUIL (IRE) (48) (C)	s	98
	4634-8211 6 11-4 71.7kg Adam Nicol Course winner for her new yard in December and she followed it up with a career-best victory in 12-runner handicap at Musselburgh last month. Up another 6 lb but she's not taken lightly in her current mood.		<i>Ryan Mania</i>
8	ELOI DU PUY (FR) (26) (CD)	s	97
	0/F3-U5521 8 11-3 71.2kg N. W. Alexander A 3-time C&D winner who comes here on the back of a gutsy success in 11-runner handicap at Ayr 26 days ago. Ought to be thereabouts once more.	✓	<i>Bruce Lynn</i>
9	JERICOACOARA (FR) (26)		99
	4/7430-053 7 10-13 69.4kg Micky Hammond Useful in France and back to form of late, third of 11 to Eloi du Puy in handicap hurdle at Ayr 26 days ago. Can make his presence felt off eased 1 lb.	🚲	<i>Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)</i>
10	COCONUT SPLASH (IRE) (15)	v	96
	32/P-66682 11 10-12 68.9kg N. W. Alexander Winless since 2020 but he got back on track after a breathing operation (also visored) when second of 10 in handicap hurdle at Ayr 15 days ago. Up 6 lb but this veteran is one to consider with the headgear retained.		<i>Mr Kit Alexander (5lb/2kg)</i>

11	RAUZAN (IRE) (59)	s	98
	8-5409560 6 10-11 68.5kg Lizzie Quinlan Fairly useful at his best for Eoin Doyle in Ireland but yet to fire in 4 runs for present connections, well beaten in Catterick handicap in January. Lots more is needed in refitted cheekpieces after a break.		<i>Sean Quinlan</i>
12	BROOKSIDE LA (IRE) (63)		99
	45-55413 6 10-10 68.0kg Dan Skelton Six-figure buy as a store and he made a winning handicap debut at Wetherby on Boxing Day. Excellent third of 17 in Haydock handicap (form been franked) following month. Capable of better still after a break so he merits serious consideration for top yard.		<i>Tristan Durrell</i>
13	THE NAVIGATOR (26) (CD)	✓	95
	6P13110P 11 10-10 68.0kg Dianne Sayer A 4-time C&D winner but he looked rusty after 4 months off when pulled up in handicap at Ayr 26 days ago. Needs to take a big step forward here.		<i>Peter Kavanagh</i>
14	MOUNTAIN MOLLY (IRE) (26)	s	99
	5/53-128F5 7 10-10 68.0kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Landed a Perth novice in October and got back on track returned to this sphere after a spell chasing when fifth of 11 to Eloi du Puy in handicap at Ayr 26 days ago. Not out of things from an easing mark with cheekpieces added.		<i>Patrick Wadge</i>
15	ROCK DJ (IRE) (51)		96
	6754 6 10-9 67.6kg Mark Walford Lightly raced and posted his best effort on his handicap debut when fourth of 11 at Ayr in January over this trip. May do better still after a break.		<i>Jamie Hamilton</i>
16	WASTHATOK (63)	t	97
	66721U28 8 10-9 67.6kg Philip Kirby Ready scorer at Newcastle over this trip in November and he comes here on the back of a breakthrough Flat victory at Wolverhampton (2m) 11 days ago. This looks too tough.		<i>Joe Williamson</i>

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Brookside La, **6-1** Judicial Deference, **15-2** Eloi Du Puy, **8-1** Speiriuil, **11-1** Bathgate, **14-1** Captain Butler, **14-1** Baratablet, **16-1** Jericoacoara, **16-1** Mountain Molly, **20-1** Coconut Splash, **22-1** Rock Dj, **33-1** Wasthatok, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This is wide open but it could pay to side with Dan Skelton's upwardly-mobile BROOKSIDE LA who is taken to resume winning ways on the back of an excellent Haydock third (form worked out well) after a break. Captain Butler is weighted to have a big say and could emerge as the chief threat, although Mountain Molly, Speiriuil, Judicial Difference and Eloi du Puy all need factoring into this highly competitive handicap, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BROOKSIDE LA 2. CAPTAIN BUTLER 3. MOUNTAIN MOLLY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Starlyte 8-10-4	12-1	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge	16
2023	Les's Legacy 6-10-12	14-1	Susan Corbett	Dillan Hurst (7)	12
2022	Romeo Brown 8-11-4	15-2	Sue Smith	Thomas Willmott (5)	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3












BETWRIGHT HERRING QUEEN SERIES FINAL MARES' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+ fillies and mares £100,000 2m51y (3270 Metres)













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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	KHRISMA (FR) (32) (D)	h	★	100
	113/3-2121 6 12-0 76.2kg			
	Nicky Henderson 		Nico de Boinville	
	Progressive mare who probably should have won all 3 of her starts since chasing home now-smart Cashdale Lad at Punchestown in May, jumping well when successful at Market Rasen last time. This big-field scenario should play to her strengths now handicapping and she's a big player.			
2	QUEENIE ST CLAIR (IRE) (21) (BF)	h		96
	007-61315 6 11-5 72.1kg			
	Nick Scholfield		Freddie Keighley (5lb/2kg)	
	Winner of 2 of her 4 starts for present yard, barely breaking sweat when sauntering home by 17 lengths at Fontwell in February. Race probably came too soon when disappointing under a penalty at Newbury 6 days later but the potential stumbling block here is that her new mark has now kicked in.			
3	BEAUTY IN THE PARK (IRE) (46) (D)			96
	43-521 6 11-0 69.9kg			
	Paul Nicholls		Gavin Sheehan	
	Made the frame both starts in bumpers and off the mark at the third attempt in this sphere when proving 3½ lengths too strong for Yeld To Call at Taunton, with Queenie St Clair, who also renews rivalry here, back in third. Opening mark looks fair and she needs considering.			
4	ANARIZA (FR) (28) (D)	h		95
	432P-135 6 10-13 69.4kg			
	Tom Ellis		Jack Andrews	
	Free-going sort who got off the mark in 5-runner novice at Wetherby on return in November. Wasn't in the same form at Windsor next time and, though far from disgraced in a Kempton Grade 2 on his latest start, some of the others could be better treated.			
5	DIAMONDS GALORE (31) (BF)			96
	623P-222 6 10-13 69.4kg			
	Nicky Henderson 		David Bass	
	Fair form in bumpers and, having undergone a breathing operation following a low-key hurdles debut last February, she has found just one too good all 3 starts this season. Sketchy jump at the final flight proved costly on handicap debut at Ludlow last time and she's one to be interested in.			
6	AZAHARA PALACE (33) (D)			95
	2152 6 10-13 69.4kg			
	Adrian Keatley		Tristan Durrell	
	Fairly useful on the Flat and won at second attempt in this sphere in a Hexham novice. Improved second in Carlisle handicap (first run in handicap company over hurdles) but another forward step is needed, now 3 lb higher in a significantly stronger race.			
7	FIRST CANDIDATE (45)	t		93
	F52 6 10-10 68.0kg			
	Dan Skelton		Tristan Durrell	
	Irish point winner who was given a considerate return from a 2-month break (in a first-time tongue strap) when fifth at Huntingdon in December. Stepped up on that when chasing home a progressive type in a Ludlow novice and she may well have more to offer now pitched into a handicap.			
8	CHANGEMYLUCK (21)			93
	88832 6 10-8 67.1kg			
	Stuart Coltherd		Sean Quinlan	
	First worthwhile form when third of 6 in novice hurdle at Musselburgh last month and subsequent second in a C&D mares' novice represented further progress. Likely to pay her way in handicaps but probably biting off more than she can chew here.			
9	YELD TO CALL (FR) (46)	t		95
	4-4442 5 10-8 67.1kg			
	Mrs Jane Williams		Ciaran Gethings	
	Fair form in bumpers and bettered previous efforts in this sphere when splitting Beauty In The Park and Queenie St Clair at Taunton. Now 6 lb better off with the winner for a 3½-length beating and she's a plausible each-way candidate for this handicap debut.			

10	OUR PEGGY (IRE) (16)	h		98
	642 5 10-7 66.7kg			
	Joe Tizzard 		Brendan Powell	
	Won sole start in Irish points in October and has taken steps in the right direction with each of her 3 starts since switched to hurdles, pulling clear of the rest when second in a 13-runner Wincanton novice 16 days ago. Likely to be on the premises now venturing down the handicap route.			
11	BELLE LE GRAND (32) (D)	t		97
	1126F680 7 10-6 66.2kg			
	Dan Skelton		Liam Harrison	
	Irish bumper winner who bagged maiden/novice hurdles at Warwick and Cartmel last spring. Now 8 lb lower in the weights than when making her handicap debut in December but with good reason (struggled all 3 completed starts in handicaps) and yard saddles a more appealing candidate in First Candidate.			
12	KLASSY PEARL (FR) (29)			96
	4622 6 10-5 65.8kg			
	Clive Boulbee-Brooks 		Richard Patrick	
	Runner-up both starts in Irish points and has made the frame on 3 of her 4 starts under Rules, most recently finishing second in a 4-runner affair on handicap bow at Exeter last month. Ought to pick up a race before long but there are more appealing options on this occasion.			
13	RIVIERA WALK (IRE) (17)			96
	100-24F1 6 10-5 65.8kg			
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill		Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	
	Bumper winner who was in the process of showing improved form when falling at the final flight on handicap debut at Wincanton in December. Further progress when easily landing a Catterick mares' novice recently and she's not without each-way hope returned to handicap company.			
14	GINTIME (IRE) (46)			93
	244-419 6 10-5 65.8kg			
	Nicky Richards		Danny McMenamin	
	Arguably fortunate to win 4-runner maiden at Sedgefield on penultimate start, albeit she was still travelling well when the favourite departed 3 out. However, her subsequent handicap debut display at Carlisle was uninspiring.			
15	CRYSTAL DAYS (83) (D)	t		93
	751-342 6 10-5 65.8kg			
	Ben Pauling 		Callum Pritchard (3lb/1kg)	
	Made it third time lucky in bumpers last spring and produced best effort yet in this sphere when runner-up in a Catterick novice at the end of December. Absent since (breathing operation in the interim) but it's entirely possible that she'll be seen in a better light now handicapping.			
16	MADAME LA PAPILLON (27) (D, BF)			94
	1/58-226 6 10-4 65.3kg			
	Claire Dyson		Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)	
	Bumper winner who was second on first 2 runs over hurdles before failing to land the odds in a mares' maiden at Hereford where she was too keen for her own good. Remains one to view in a positive light but improvement will be needed now tackling a handicap for the first time.			

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Khrisma, **10-1** Beauty In The Park, **11-1** First Candidate, **12-1** Our Peggy, **12-1** Belle Le Grand, **12-1** Queenie St Clair, **16-1** Diamonds Galore, **16-1** Yeld To Call, **18-1** Riviera Walk, **22-1** Azahara Palace, **28-1** Crystal Days, **33-1** Anariza, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Nicky Henderson saddled the winner of the inaugural running of this in 2022 and, in DIAMONDS GALORE and Khrisma, the yard fields 2 live contenders this time round. The latter remains with potential and is bound to be popular but Diamonds Galore is an appealing alternative at the forecast prices, on the back of what has to go down as an unlucky defeat in a Ludlow handicap. Our Peggy rates a solid each-way option, while Beauty In The Park and First Candidate are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIAMONDS GALORE 2. KHRISMA 3. OUR PEGGY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Leloopa 5-11-1	22-1	Fergal O'Brien	Tom Broughton (5)	12
2023	Bonttay 6-11-11	6-4f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	9
2022	Theatre Glory 5-11-12	85-40f	Nicky Henderson	Mr Nathan Brennan (7)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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BETWRIGHT NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (SERIES FINAL) (2)
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RACE 4



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Pace Information: **Weak**

	1	DIAMOND DEALER (IRE) (23) (C)	t		100
		5626-11P2 7 12-0 76.2kg			
		Dan Skelton		<i>Tristan Durrell</i>	
		Started life 2-2 over fences for Dan Skelton and following a forgivable effort in Borders National, quickly resumed progress when narrowly beaten at Wetherby. May prove difficult to peg back.			
	2	MY NOBLE LORD (USA) (28)	s+t		94
		5833-2415 5 11-11 74.8kg			
		Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero		<i>Craig Nichol</i>	
		Form of Uttoxeter chase win hardly looks robust and only briefly looked a threat when well-held fifth at Newcastle subsequently. No easy task at the weights.			
	3	GLEN ROAD (IRE) (14) (C, D)			98
		1-3114642 7 11-10 74.4kg			
		Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith		<i>Danny McMenamin</i>	
		Progressive hurdler who left behind previous chase form when runner-up to one who'd controlled the pace at Sandown last time. Could still have more to offer on just his fourth start over fences.			
	4	JOE COOKER (FR) (36)	s+t		98
		63-843254 7 11-7 73.0kg			
		Rebecca Menzies		<i>Jamie Hamilton</i>	
		Fairly useful/consistent over fences, shaping better than the result (effort flattened out) when fourth in 6-runner C&D handicap (heavy) latest, and reasonable to think he can see out his race better in first-time cheekpieces.			
	5	MOON PHASES (IRE) (36)			98
		0/2-4213 7 11-6 72.6kg			
		Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore		<i>Derek Fox</i>	
		Low-mileage 7-y-o who confirmed chase debut promise with professional success at Newcastle. Not ideally placed when third in C&D handicap since and remains open to improvement.			
	6	SLEEPING SATELLITE (IRE) (28)	t		97
		7-6812134 8 11-1 70.3kg			
		Fergal O'Brien		<i>J. Hogan</i>	
		Positively ridden to win twice over fences this season and shaped as though still in form when fourth in 6-runner handicap at Newcastle (2m) latest. More on his plate upped in grade, however.			
	7	BRIDGE COURT (IRE) (34)	s+t		99
		3PP-62251 7 11-1 70.3kg			
		Sandy Thomson		<i>Sean Quinlan</i>	
		Cemented a fine start over fences with a decisive success in 3m chase at Musselburgh and given he's proven himself versatile with regard trip/ground, there's no reason he shouldn't go close in follow-up bid.			
	8	ALWAYS A REASON (IRE) (28)	s+t		95
		65-512115 7 11-0 69.9kg			
		Rebecca Menzies		<i>Ross Chapman</i>	
		Winning pointer who went the right way as a hurdler and made bright start over fences when winning first 2 starts. Only fifth when bidding for hat-trick at Newcastle, though, and tongue strap now applied.			
	9	STICK WITH ME SAM (FR) (28)	h+t		97
		22U-71116 7 10-13 69.4kg			
		Tom Gretton		<i>Gavin Sheehan</i>	
		Has jumped much better on his second season chasing, still on the up when landing a hat-trick at Catterick in January. Can have a line put through latest run (pecked badly), though this strong-travelling sort does have stamina to prove over markedly longer trip.			
	10	DEFENCE WITNESS (IRE) (30) (D, BF)	b+t		98
		38-153212 7 10-2 64.4kg			
		Sam England		<i>Jonathan England</i>	
		Best effort as chaser when landing second success over fences at Catterick prior. Chased home (an enterprisingly ridden) next-time-out winner at Sedgfield latest, and the fitting of more severe headgear can only help.			

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Diamond Dealer, **6-1** Bridge Court, **13-2** Moon Phases, **15-2** Glen Road, **9-1** Defence Witness, **10-1** My Noble Lord, **11-1** Always A Reason, **12-1** Sleeping Satellite, **22-1** Joecooker, **25-1** Stick With Me Sam

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DIAMOND DEALER has proved most progressive for the switch to fences/new yard and can land a third chase success. Bridge Court looks rock-solid and he heads the dangers, along with potential improver Moon Phases.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIAMOND DEALER 2. BRIDGE COURT 3. MOON PHASES

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.13**REMEMBERING DUNCAN DAVIDSON HANDICAP CHASE (2)**
5yo+ £35,000 3¼m39y (5270 Metres)

RACE 5

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	CADELL (IRE) (48) (CD) 5P14-P1PP 8 12-0 76.2kg	b	98
	Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Course regular who bagged this prize 12 months ago and went in again in first time blinkers here in November. Consistency never been his strong point (pulled up last 2 starts) but this drop back in trip may help.		Jack Power (5lb/2kg)
2	FORTUNATE MAN (IRE) (28) (BF) 21234-135 7 11-6 72.6kg	s+t	100
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill As good as ever when landing same Aintree race for the second year running on return, beating a subsequent winner. Hasn't kicked on in 2 subsequent outings, though possibly found the marathon test too much in the Eider last time. Likely player back down in trip.		Jonjo O'Neill Jr.
3	DARE TO SHOUT (14) (C) 235-14P42 9 11-5 72.1kg	t	97
	Ann Hamilton Didn't need to improve much to make a winning reappearance at Carlisle (3m) off 5 lb higher but has not scaled same heights since, merely passing beaten rivals when runner-up over extended 2½m at Ayr 2 weeks ago. Steps back up in trip now.		Danny McMenamin
4	ABOUTDAMNTIME (IRE) (23) 656-813P1 7 10-12 68.9kg	s+t	99
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Hurdles winner with a mixed record but registered a second chase success away from bottomless ground at Ludlow (3m) 23 days ago, closed down run-in. Raised 3 lb on back of that and this looks tougher.		Craig Nichol
5	BREEZE OF WIND (IRE) (24) 44514-52P 9 10-4 65.3kg	s+t	99
	Stuart Coltherd Excellent second in Borders National over further here in December but pulled up in similar event at Bangor 24 days ago. Application of cheekpieces needs to have positive effect back down markedly in trip.		Sean Quinlan
6	BLAKEY BOY (IRE) (26) 81-27F221 6 10-2(9-12) 64.4kg (62.6kg)	s	97
	Ewan Whillans Hurdles winner who was twice a runner-up over fences (including over C&D) prior to opening his account at Ayr (3m, heavy) 26 days ago, looking in command when left clear last. Operating from out of weights but sufficiently lightly raced to think he could yet have more to offer.		Peter Kavanagh

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Blakey Boy, **11-4** Aboutdamntime, **4-1** Fortunate Man, **7-1** Dare To Shout, **10-1** Cadell, **11-1** Breeze of Wind

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FORTUNATE MAN seemed to find the test too much when mid-field in last month's Eider Chase at Newcastle and with this assignment looking more suitable, he's selected to come out on top from what remains a workable mark. Last-time-out winners Aboutdamntime and Blakey Boy may emerge as the chief threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FORTUNATE MAN 2. ABOUTDAMNTIME 3. BLAKEY BOY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Cadell 7-10-6	15-8jf	Lucinda Russell	Alan Doyle (3)	5
2023	Elvis Mail 9-11-5	7-1	N.W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (3)	10
2022	Potterman 9-11-12	5-1	Alan King	Tom Cannon	4
2021	Kitty's Light 5-11-4	9-2	Christian Williams	Jack Tudor (3)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.48

KOSB NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2½m189y (4200 Metres)












RACE 6



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Even**

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|  | <p>1 EAGLES REPRIEVE (IRE) (53) (CD) 97
 122-212 5 11-9 73.9kg
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore <i>Jack Power (51b/2kg)</i>
 Bumper winner who's progressed gradually over hurdles and was off the mark in a C&D maiden in November. Ran well behind an unexposed Skelton-trained rival in an 8-runner novice at Newcastle in January and there should still be more to come from this staying type.</p> |
|  | <p>2 GAELIC ROVER (IRE) (21) 99
 321F 5 11-9 73.9kg
 Ruth Jefferson <i>Sean Quinlan</i>
 Showed promise despite falling both starts in Irish points and has made a good start over hurdles, placing twice before landing a maiden at Newcastle (2m, good to soft) in January. Running below that level when falling here 3 weeks ago but previous form still stacks up well.</p> |
|  | <p>3 LE FRIMEUR (FR) (120) 96
 1 5 11-9 73.9kg
 Harry Derham <i>J. J. Slevin</i>
 Easy winner of an Irish point and created a good impression when making a successful Rules debut in 7-runner maiden hurdle at Chepstow in November, scoring with a bit in hand. Open to improvement and he's not taken lightly. Engaged 4.00 Newbury Friday.</p> |
|  | <p>4 IVAN'S LEGACY (82) 44
 4-4477 5 11-2 70.8kg
 Susan Corbett <i>Derek Fox</i>
 Modest form at best when fourth on all 3 bumper starts and well held both outings over hurdles.</p> |
|  | <p>5 MELBOURNE GHOST (IRE) (28)
 70 5 11-2 70.8kg
 Donald Whillans <i>Craig Nichol</i>
 Maiden pointer who offered little on bumper/hurdle debut.</p> |
|  | <p>6 REMEMBERTHE NAME (IRE) (48) 90
 6323573 6 11-2 70.8kg
 Sandy Thomson  <i>Patrick Wadge</i>
 Fair maiden hurdler who ran his best race when third of 12 in handicap hurdle at Musselburgh 48 days ago. Vulnerable to some promising types here, though.</p> |
|  | <p>7 TALK TO THE BOSS (IRE) (18) 47
 9 6 11-2 70.8kg
 Rebecca Menzies <i>Nathan Moscrop</i>
 £80,000 purchase after finishing runner-up in an Irish point in February 2025. Shaped as if better for the run when ninth of 12 in novice hurdle at Newcastle on Rules debut 18 days ago.</p> |
|  | <p>8 THE G WIZARD (IRE) (26) (BF)  100
 42223 6 11-2 70.8kg
 N. W. Alexander <i>Bruce Lynn</i>
 Yet to finish outside of the frame in 5 hurdle starts, showing up well when runner-up at Musselburgh on handicap debut last month. Probably unsuited by switch to patient tactics back in novice company at Ayr 4 weeks ago. Respected. Declared 15.55 Musselburgh Friday.</p> |
|  | <p>9 BOLLIN SKITTLE (21) 78
 564 6 10-9 67.6kg
 Donald Whillans <i>Jamie Hamilton</i>
 No impact in a bumper and is seemingly being brought along with handicaps in mind over hurdles, keeping on gradually when fourth here (2m, soft) 3 weeks ago. Should be suited by longer trip but likely to be of greater interest when eligible for handicaps.</p> |

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Le Frimeur, 11-4 Gaelic Rover, 7-2 Eagles Reprive, 7-1 The G Wizard, 14-1 Rememberthename, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Point winner LE FRIMEUR has been off since making a winning Rules debut at Chepstow in November but Harry Derham's gelding scored with a bit in hand there and may have the most potential of the penalised trio. Gaelic Rover can get back on track after a lesser effort in Grade 2 company last time, with C&D maiden winner Eagles Reprive also shortlisted.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LE FRIMEUR 2. GAELIC ROVER 3. EAGLES REPRIEVE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Malicash 6-11-8 6-1 Donald McCain Brian Hughes 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.23

RACING POST+ JODAMI OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (2) 4, 5 and 6yo £20,000 2m51y (3270 Metres)

RACE 7



Going: **Good to Soft**

Left handed, generally flat, with the hurdles course separate to the chase one and around a furlong shorter in length. The position of the final obstacle on both tracks was placed closer to the winning post from October 2012, negating the previous 2f run to the line, ensuring there is less emphasis on stamina than previously. It's true to say that conditions can get gruelling in midwinter, but on anything other than soft/heavy ground it's a track which is essentially sharp in character. Casualty rates on the chase course have decreased in recent years, for no obvious reason other than the fences presumably aren't quite so stiff as used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Even**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Is This For Real 5-11-5	9-1	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison	10
2023	Bertie's Ballet 5-11-9	17-2	Dianne Sayer	Conor O'Farrell	14
2022	Bold Reaction 5-11-4	11-10f	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 KILARO (FR) (65) (BF) h 96
15 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Tim Easterby **Mr Paddy Barlow**
Winning pointer who made a successful start in bumpers at Musselburgh in December. In need of a stronger gallop when fifth of 15 at Newcastle last time and hood now reached for.

2 BARITO (FR) 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Derek Fox**
£60,000 5-y-o, Manatee gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdle winner/chaser Paul Marvel. Off the mark at second attempt in points earlier this year and must be of interest on Rules debut.

3 EL GANGSTER (IRE) (51) 35 5 11-5 | 72.1kg 93



Donald Whillans **Craig Nichol**
Twice-raced maiden who has shaped like a stayer in both bumpers thus far, latest at Ayr in January. One for longer term.

4 KING KUBALA (IRE) (129) 3 5 11-5 | 72.1kg 90



Sandy Thomson **Danny McMenamin**
Showed ability amongst greenness when third of 9 in bumper at Ayr (2m, soft, 15/2) on NH debut 129 days ago. Entitled to build on that.

5 PRESENTANDCORRECT (IRE) (36) 63 6 11-5 | 72.1kg 100



Rebecca Menzies **Nathan Mascrop**
Built on debut effort when third of 9 in bumper over C&D (heavy) 36 days ago. May be more to come yet and is not taken lightly.

6 DIAMOND WHITE (IRE) (65) 33 5 10-12 | 68.9kg 98



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**
£140,000 4-y-o, Berkshire mare. Runner-up sole start in Irish points and has shown promise in both bumper outings, latterly when third in 15-runner event at Newcastle in January. Likely contender.

7 OOR WISH (IRE) (39) 44 6 10-12 | 68.9kg 94



N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**
Went backwards from promising NH debut when well-beaten fourth of 7 in bumper at Ayr 39 days ago and needs to bounce back.

8 FRIDAYSMAN (133) 64 4 10-9 | 67.6kg 94



Philip Kirby **Joe Williamson**
Twice-raced maiden who found some improvement when fourth of 12 in bumper at Aintree in November. Enters calculations.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 King Kubala, **5-1** Diamond White, **5-1** Kilaro, **5-1** Barito, **11-2** Presentandcorrect, **10-1** Fridaysman, **18-1** Oor Wish, **22-1** El Gangster

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DIAMOND WHITE has acquitted herself well in both starts thus far and could be the answer to the finale. Presentandcorrect looks the likeliest danger on form, whilst market confidence behind sole debutant Barito could prove significant.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIAMOND WHITE 2. PRESENTANDCORRECT 3. BARITO